

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-25 are currently active in this case. Claims 1, 3, 10, 17 and 19 have been amended by way of the present amendment. Each amended claim is supported by the specification and claims as originally submitted, and no new matter has been added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Hawkins* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,516,202 B1 to *Hawkins et al.*).

Rejections Based on 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claim 1 differs from the cited references in notable ways. Claim 1 recites a method of managing phone calls initiated from a phone device of a personal digital assistant, the method comprising, among other things:

"receiving a dial signal from ***a call initiation button*** on the selectable interface to initiate a phone call;

determining whether digits were received from the selectable interface just before the dial signal was received from the call initiation button; and

initiating the phone call in response to the dial signal, ***wherein the phone call is placed to a last entered phone number if digits were not received just before the dial signal was received from the call initiation button.***" (emphasis added)

It is respectfully submitted that these limitations are neither taught nor suggested by *Hawkins*. Claim 1 recites displaying a call initiation button that is normally used

to place a call after digits are pressed. However, this same call initiation button also serves as a mechanism for calling back the previously dialed phone number if digits were not entered just before the call initiation button is activated.

In contrast, *Hawkins* discloses a call back feature initiated by a "call back" icon (*Hawkins* Figure 8B). Such a mechanism is functionally different than the mechanism of Claim 1 in the present invention for at least two reasons. First, the "call back" icon of *Hawkins* is a different icon than the icon used to initiate a phone call (See *Hawkins* Figure 8A). Second, the "call back" icon of *Hawkins* is configured to appear specifically after a missed call (See *Hawkins* Figure 8B).

In Claim 1 of the present invention, however, the call initiation button is normally used to initiate a call just after a phone number is entered into the selectable interface. This same call initiation button also serves as a shortcut mechanism for calling back the last entered phone number. *Hawkins* neither teaches nor suggests such a novel feature.

For at least these reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claim 1 is allowable.

As to independent Claims 10 and 17, these Claims are allowable for similar reasons Claim 1 is allowable. As to dependent Claims 2-9, 11-16 and 18-25, these Claims are allowable for similar reasons their respective base claims are allowable.


Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding, and it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, **referencing Attorney Docket No. 354530.00600. A duplicate sheet is attached.**

Respectfully submitted,

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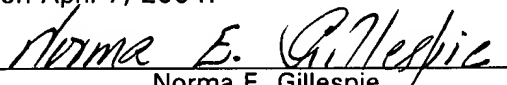
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